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BEGIN SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES FEELS
STRONGLY THAT EMPHASIS NOW SHOULD BE ON CONTINUING
EFFORT TO PERSUADE NEUTRALS TO ACCEPT EXISTING QRR
TEXT. GOF ANALYSIS IS THAT IT IS STILL POSSIBLE TO
CONVINCE NEUTRALS. GOF ASKS THEREFORE THAT USG
SUSPEND EFFORTS TO DEVELOP "FALLBACK" TEXT WITHIN
BONN GROUP OR ELSEWHERE UNTIL EFFORTS TO WIN ADOPTION
OF CURRENT FORMULATION ARE EXHAUSTED. GOF FEELS THAT
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THESE EFFORTS WILL HAVE LOST CREDIBILITY AS SOON AS

IT IS DISCOVERED THAT US HAS EMBARKED ON EXERCISE TO DEVELOP REVISED FORMULATION. END SUMMARY.

1. QUAI POLITICAL DIRECTOR D LABOULAYE CALLED IN DCM MARCH 6 TO DISCUSS RECENT US INITIATIVE ON CSCE REFTEL (A) DELABOULAYE BEGAN BY EXPLAINING THAT FOREIGN MINISTER HAD WISHED RAISE MATTER PERSONALLY WITH AMBASSADOR BUT DUE AMBASSADOR'S TEMPORARY UNAVAILABILITY HE HAD BEEN ASKED RAISE SUBJECT WITH DCM. AFTER REFERRING TO US DEMARCHE SUGGESTING "FALLBACK" POSITION FOR CSCE DE LABOULAYE EXPLAINED THAT THIS MATTER "ENORMOUSLY" PREOCCUPIED THE MINISTER. GOF CONSIDERED THAT BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO AGREE ON A "FALLBACK" POSITION THE FOUR COUNTRIES MUST EXHAUST THE MEANS OF EXPLAINING TO OTHER CSCE PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE RETICENT TO ACCEPT THE PRESENTLY ADOPTED POSITION. GOF STILL HOPES IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO CONVINCE ALL COUNTRIES CONCERNED OF THE PRESENTLY AGREED POSITION.

2. DELABOULAYE SAID WE WOULD BE SERIOUSLY WEAKENED IN OUR EFFORT TO GAIN APPROVAL OF OTHERS IF IT IS LEARNED THAT WE HAVE A "FALLBACK" POSITION. HE FELT IT WOULD BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP OUR REVISED TEXT SECRET.

3. DELABOULAYE CONTINUED THAT WE HAD HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY IN ARRIVING AT A FORMULA ACCEPTABLE TO THE FIVE AND NEGOTIATIONS ON ANY NEW FORMULA WOULD BE BOUND TO BE VERY TIME CONSUMING. THE FRENCH POSITION THEREFORE IS TO CONTINUE TO SEEK TO OBTAIN ACCEPTANCE ON THE PRESENT "FORWARD POSITION." FOR THIS REASON IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT IT NOT BECOME KNOWN THAT ANOTHER FORMULA IS UNDER CONSIDERATION, FOR TO DO SO WOULD COMPLETELY DESTROY OUR CREDIBILITY WITH THE NEUTRALS. HE SAID GOF DOES NOT WISH TO CONSIDER ANOTHER POSITION UNTIL IT IS ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT IT IS COMPLETELY IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE AN AGREEMENT ON THE EXISTING FORMULA AND THE FRENCH ARE BY NO MEANS CONVINCED THAT THIS IS THE CASE AT PRESENT. THEREFORE GOF BELIEVES THAT US SHOULD BE PREPARED DENY EXISTENCE OF ANY SUCH "FALLBACK" POSITION IN ORDER NOT TO COMPROMISE THE CONFIDENTIAL

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EFFORT THAT IS NOW IN PROGRESS AND THAT THE FRENCH COUNT ON PURSUING. DELABOULAY SAID THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD INTENDED TO ASK THE AMBASSADOR TO EXERT HIS PERSONAL INFLUENCE TO THIS END.

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HE STRESSED THAT THE MATTER WAS EXTREMELY URGENT AS IN THE FRENCH VIEW THE POSSIBILITIES OF A LEAK INCREASED WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME. IN SUM AND SUBSTANCE THE FRENCH ARE ASKING THAT WE WITHDRAW OUR SUGGESTED "FALLBACK" POSITION AND IF ASKED BY OTHERS DNY THAT ANY SUCH PLAN EXISTS. HE SAID HE REALIZED THAT THAT WAS A GOOD DEAL TO ASK BUT FELT THAT TACTICALLY IT WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.

4. FINALLY DE LABOULAY SAID THAT GOF DID NOT RULE OUT THAT ONE MIGHT ARRIVE AT THE POINT IN ANOTHER MONTH OR TWO WHERE IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT THE PRESENT EFFORT WAS GETTING NOWHERE AND AT THAT TIME THE GOF MIGHT BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER SUCH A "FALLBACK" POSITION. HE REITERATED HOWEVER THAT GOF IS CONVINCED THAT THAT TIME HAS NOT YET BEEN REACHED AND THAT THEY RETAIN SINCERE HOPE THAT IT WILL NEVER BE REACHED.

5. REFTTEL (B) ARRIVED SUBSEQUENT TO DRAFTING OF FORE-
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GOING. UPON ITS RECEIPT DCM CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS
CONTAINED PARA 2 WITH DE LABOULAYE, WHO EXPRESSED
APPRECIATION.

6. COMMENT: IT APPEARS FRENCH DEL CSCE ASSESSMENT
OF POSSIBILITY PERSUADING NEUTRALS DIFFERS FROM THAT
OF USDEL CSCE. WOULD WELCOME USDEL CSCE COMMENTS.
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